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PONTA DELGADA DAILY "ACORES" OF AUGUST 2 CARRIES COMMUNIQUE
BY AZOREAN POPULAR DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PPDA) ENTITLED "A VITAL QUESTION
FOR THE AZORES; THE LUSO-AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING LAJES FIELD
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MAIN POINTS FOLLOW:

1. PPDA HAS OFTEN BROUGHT VARIOUS FACETS OF LAJES NEGOTIATIONS
ESPECIALLY RELEVANT TO THE AZORES, SUCH AS ITS PROPOSALS
THAT COMPETENT AZOERANS BE PRESENT DURING NEGOTIATIONS TO DEFEND
AZOREANS INTERESTS OR THAT U.S. TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE FOR "CRYING NEEDS" OF AZORES BE OBTAINED IN EXCHANGE
FOR CONTINUED AMERICAN USE OF LAJES, TO THE ATTENTION OF
PROVISION GOVERNMENT AND GENERAL PUBLIC.

2. THIS ESPECIALLY OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO RE-EMPHASIZE, WHICH
"CERTAINLY EXPRESS FEELING OF AZOREAN PEOPLE", BECAUSE OF
PRESENCE HERE OF MARIO SOARES, WHO, WHILE ON TERCEIRA, EXPRESSLY
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ALLUDED TO NEED TO OBTAIN CONCRET AMERICAN AID FOR "SATISFACTION

OF THE INTERESTS OF THE AZOREAN PEOPLE". (SEE PONTA DELGADA 153).

3. FORMER REGIME USED AZORES'S STRATEGIC POSITION TO GREAT DIPLOMATIC EFFECT. ISLANDS' DECISIVENESS IN ASSURING ALLIED VICTORY IN WORLD WAR II GARANTEED OLD REGIME'S SURVIVAL AND ACCEPTANCE AFTER WAR. AFTER ERUPTION OF PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN COLONIAL WARS IN SIXTIES, FORMER GOVERNMENT USED AZORES TO OBTAIN "SUPPORT, OR AT LEAST THE ABSTENTION" OF U.S. AND FRANCE. ALL THIS TOOK PLACE WITHOUT CONSULTING AZOREAN PEOPLE AND WITHOUT THEIR HAVING RECEIVED ANY ADVANTAGES FROM IT. NOW, WHILE ALL PORTUGAL ENJOYING A "REBIRTH", AND PORTUGUESE EVERYWHERE DEMANDING THEIR RIGHTS, IT NECESSARY TO CLEARLY AFFIRM THAT "AZOREANS HAVE NO INTENTION OF BEING PLAYTHINGS IN THE HANDS OF OTHERS FOR DEFENSE OF INTERESTS WHICH ARE NOT THEIRS".

4. PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL "CERTAINLY" TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO IDENTIFY PREEMINENT NEEDS OF ISLANDS SO AS TO GIVE APPROPRIATE INTRUCTIONS TO MINISTRY OF FOREING AFFAIRS FOR UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS. PPDA FEELS THAT REQUEST FOR "TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC" AID FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN AZORES WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY USG, WHICH CAN NOT IGNORE EXISTENCE OF LARGE AZOREAN COMMUNITY IN UNITED STATES. PPDA CONSIDERS FOLLOWING CONCRETE PROJECTS TO BE MOST VITAL: BUILD-UP OF ARCHIPELAGO'S SEA AND AIR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM; DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY RESOURCES TO FREE THEM FROM DEPENDENCE ON FOREING ENERGY SOURCES; INVESTIGATION AND, IF FEASIBLE, EXPOITATION OF FISHING AND OTHER SUB-SURFACE RESOUCES.

COMMENT: PPDA, WITH THIS AND PREVIOUS COMMUNIQUES, IS CREARLY LOCAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION MOST CONCERNED WITH LAJES BASE NEGOTIATIONS. OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE NOT PUBLICLY INDICATED VIEWS REGARDING LAJES.PPDA POSITION PROBABLY DOES EXPRESS FEELING OF MAJORITY OF EDUCATED AZOREANS OF WHATEVER POLITICAL PERSUASION. FACT THAT OTHER PARTIES HAVE NEITHER ISSUED STATEMENTS ON LAJES NOR COMMENTED ON PPDA COMMUNIQUES TO DATE HOWEVER IS INDICATION OF RELATIVELY LOW DEGREE OF INTERESTWHICH SUBJECT HAS AROUSED IN ARCHIPELAGO TO DATE. TODEGREE THAT POSSIBILTY OF OBTAINING CONCRETEBENEFITS FROM RENEWAL OF BASE ACCORD BECOMES LIKELY, WE WOULD EXPECT INTEREST IN SUBJECT TO INCREASE.

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